

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF CROYDON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1869.

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DISBURSEMENTS.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

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| District No. 1. | Sylvester G. Walker, | \$67 95 |
| " " 2. | David W. Rawson, | 184 00 |
| " " 3. | William W. Hall, | 90 38 |
| " " 4. | James W. Trow, | 50 63 |
| " " 5. | Ingalls E. Heath, | 68 64 |
| " " 6. | John A. Barton, | 32 05 |
| " " 9. | John Glynn, | 12 94 |
| " " 10. | Elias Powers, | 12 43 |
| | Ward & Rowell, | 6 07 |
| | | <hr/> \$525 09 |
| Paid State Tax, | | 1275 00 |
| County Tax, | | 630 70 |
| | | <hr/> \$1905.70 |
| Paid Sylvester Rowell, for plank, | | 2 80 |
| John Clark, 939 ft. plank, | | 15 02 |
| Wm. W. Hall, repairing bridge at the Flat, | | 12 75 |
| W. W. Hall, 160 ft. plank, | | 2 56 |
| O. C. Forehand, work on bridges, | | 15 75 |
| Reuben Cooper, plank and timber for bridges, | | 21 25 |
| Reuben Cooper, drawing plank from Grantham, | | 4 00 |
| Otis Cooper, work on bridge, | | 4 50 |
| Otis Cooper, for keeping watering trough on highway, | | 3 00 |
| Ruel Durkee, work on bridges, | | 8 25 |
| Albina Hall, plank, | | 2 57 |
| Kimball D. Barton, plank, 1867, | | 1 50 |

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| Paid Warren R. Bartlett, timber, plank, and work on Burr bridge, | 8 50 | |
| Daniel Rider, repairing bridge, | 14 26 | |
| Elias Powers, perambulating town lines, | 12 00 | |
| For repairs on town house, | 1 38 | |
| Edson C. Eastman, record book, | 2 75 | |
| George W. Dunbar, paints and oils for burying ground fence, | 18 55 | |
| D. R. Hall, for getting weights and measures sealed, | 5 50 | |
| Rufus P. Claggett, collecting bank tax, | 2 00 | |
| Town Clerks, for certificates in pauper cases in seven different towns, | 3 00 | |
| Albina Hall, for taking depositions in pauper cases, | 2 00 | |
| John Cooper, for taking depositions in pauper cases, | 1 00 | |
| Daniel R. Hall, for taking deposition in pauper case, | 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$165.39 |
| Paid Hazen Haines, opening grave, | 2 00 | |
| George Angell, opening 4 graves, | 8 00 | |
| Marshal Putnam, opening 3 graves, | 6 00 | |
| Gilman Crosby, opening 1 grave, | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$18.00 |

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

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| Paid Henry C. Bartlett, support of Darius Hall, | 26 25 |
| Clothing for Darius Hall, | 5 17 |
| Repairing truss for Darius Hall, | 2 50 |
| Walter P. Blanchard, carrying Abigail Chase to County farm, | 2 00 |
| For supplies and doctoring Mrs. Spooner's family, | 83 30 |
| Amos Kidder, support of Rebecca Powers, ending January 26th, 1869, | 53 64 |
| Timothy G. Powers, supporting Rebecca Powers, ending April 23d, 1868, | 9 43 |
| Samuel Chase, support of Livera Chase 1 year, ending April 1st, 1869, | 52 00 |
| David Harding, supporting Lydia Harding, ending Jan. 26, 1869, | 67 00 |
| Clothing for Lydia Harding, | 7 04 |
| Amos Barton, supporting Baxter Barton, | 10 14 |
| John Blanchard, carrying Baxter Barton to County farm, | 5 00 |
| Jeremiah Haynes, support of Mrs. Hyde, | 25 93 |

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| Paid John Barker, supporting Mrs. Hyde, | 8 00 | |
| Jeremiah Haynes, carrying Mrs. Hyde's goods to County farm, | 3 50 | |
| Nath'l P. Stevens, carrying Mrs. Hyde to County farm, | 4 00 | |
| Wm. Smith, carrying Darius Hall to County farm, | 2 00 | |
| James Eastman, support of Lyman Rider, ending Jan. 26th, 1869, | 97 28 | |
| Joseph Crooker, support of W. S. Carroll, ending Jan. 26th, 1869, | 53 92 | |
| Paul Jacobs, carrying Joel Chase to County farm, | 2 00 | |
| For support, doctoring, and funeral expenses of Lucretia Powers, | 30 00 | |
| Alanson C. Barton, support and carrying Chas. Day to County farm, | 90 09 | |
| Clothing for Charles Day, | 1 94 | |
| Ruel Durkee, for getting paupers on the County, | 40 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$682.13 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

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| John A. Cooper, in 1866, | 3 96 | |
| Frank Frye, " 1867, | 7 10 | |
| Joel Ferry, " " | 3 16 | |
| C. F. Hall, error, " " | 1 00 | |
| Angenett Harding, in " " | 2 00 | |
| Chas. Bartlett, " " | 8 63 | |
| Freeman, " " | 2 01 | |
| Artemus M. Lewis, " " | 2 00 | |
| John Glynn, " 1868, | 2 00 | |
| John Putnam's poll tax, 1868, | 2 25 | |
| Alvero Chapin, " " | 1 00 | |
| Interest on the above taxes, | 1 68 | |
| | <hr/> | \$36.79 |

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| Paid Ruel Durkee, services as Selectman, | 35 00 | |
| Oliver C. Forehand, services as Selectman, | 25 00 | |
| John Blanchard, services as Selectman, | 15 00 | |
| Alonzo Allen, services as Town Clerk, | 15 00 | |
| John Cooper, services as S. S. Committee, | 15 00 | |
| W. W. Hall, services as Collector of Taxes, | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$130.00 |

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| Paid Nath'l P. Stevens, int. on note, | 12 00 |
| Josiah Ide, note and interest, | 775 12 |
| Welcome P. Partridge, int. on note, | 6 00 |
| Austin P. Wilder, int. on note, | 32 08 |
| Hial Flanders int. on note, | 27 00 |
| Caleb L. Barton, int. on note, | 64 00 |
| Worthen Hall, int. on notes, | 65 00 |
| Adam Rand, int. on note, | 34 00 |
| Edward H. Brown, int. on note, | 18 00 |
| Nath'l Humphrey, int. on note, | 6 00 |
| Elias Powers, int. on note, | 9 30 |
| Kimball Loverin, int. on note, | 9 00 |
| Sidney C. Putnam, int on note, | 180 00 |
| Printing this report, | 14 00 |
| Ruel Durkee, for stationery, postage and stamps, | 10 00 |
| School house tax in dist. No. 6, | 10 00 |
| Worthen Hall, on notes, | 965 00 |
| Caleb L. Barton, on notes, | 200 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,436.50 |
| Total amount paid out, | <hr/> \$5.899.60 |

The Selectmen have credited the Town as follows :

By list of taxes assessed and delivered to collector,

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| | \$4193 49 |
| Literary fund, | 33 66 |
| Savings bank tax, | 51 06 |
| Interest on school notes, | 61 88 |
| Bank tax on bank stock in first National Bank, | |
| Newport, N. H., | 200 12 |
| Received of last year Selectmen, | 94 41 |
| Betsey Ames, | 200 00 |
| Nathaniel B. Hull, | 200 00 |
| Reuben Cooper, | 500 00 |
| Sarah Blanchard, | 100 00 |
| Adam Rand, | 100 00 |
| Town of Grafton, support of Mrs. Spooner and family, | 47 81 |
| | <hr/> \$5,707.43 + \$74 |

Rec'd of the County of Sullivan for the support of the following paupers :

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| Abigail Chase, | 2 00 |
| Darius Hall, | 9 35 |
| Mrs. Hyde, | 17 00 |
| Charles Day, | 31 00 |
| Lucretia Powers, | 30 00 |
| Lydia Harding, | 39 31 |

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| Lyman Rider, | 52 57 |
| W. S. Carroll, | 29 56 |
| Rebecca Powers, | 31 71 |
| Livera Chase, | 52 00 |
| Baxter Barton, | 15 14 |
| Emeline Spooner, | 35 49 |
| Joel Chase, | 2 00 |
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| | \$347.13 |

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| Total amount received, | 6054 56 |
| Total amount paid out, | 5899 60 |
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Leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$154.96

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| One note to Adam Rand of | 600 00 |
| One note to Hial Flanders of | 450 00 |
| One note to Caleb L. Barton of | 800 00 |
| One note to Edward H. Brown of | 300 00 |
| One note to Austin A. Wilder of | 250 00 |
| One note to Nathaniel P. Stevens of | 200 00 |
| One note to Nathaniel Humphrey of | 100 00 |
| One note to W. P. Partridge of | 100 00 |
| One note to Sidney C. Putnam of | 3000 00 |
| One note to Elias Powers of | 155 00 |
| One note to Kimball Loverin of | 150 00 |
| One note to Betsy Ames of | 200 00 |
| One note to Nathaniel Hull of | 200 00 |
| One note to Reuben Cooper of | 500 00 |
| One note to Sarah Blanchard of | 100 00 |
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| | \$7105 00 |
| Money in the treasury | 154 96 |
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Leaving a balance against the town of \$6950 04
Which is respectfully submitted

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| RUEL DURKEE, | } | Selectmen of Croydon. |
| OLIVER C. FOREHAND, | | |
| JOHN BLANCHARD, | | |

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In making his annual Report, your Committee will confine himself to an exposition of the standing and progress of the several schools which have been under his supervision.

DISTRICT NO. 1. *Summer Term.* This was a quiet, well conducted school. The closing examination evinced that the term had been profitable for one so short. The teacher was a model of propriety; and she exhibited both tact and talent in the management of her school. *Winter Term.* The pupils of this school, especially the smaller ones, made a very commendable degree of progress in their studies. The teacher appeared to possess the requisite qualifications for communicating knowledge in a way to be easily understood. But her mode of discipline was somewhat defective, as she could not govern the larger pupils by moral means; and her moral teaching was, in a measure, neutralized by causes similar to those which operated so disastrously to her school in District No. 6.

DISTRICT NO. 2. *Summer Term.* This large school was taught by one who thoroughly understood her business. She exhibited both skill and energy in the management of her charge, and proved herself to be the right teacher in the right place. In visiting this school your committee found much to commend and nothing to condemn. He found that the pupils had generally made as rapid progress in their studies, as was compatible with thoroughness. This district would do well to employ Miss Marsh again. *Winter Term.* As a matter of course, the discipline of this school was good. The instruction given was accurate and thorough; and the progress of the pupils as good as could reasonably be expected. The closing examination evinced that quite an interest in the school had been excited; as nearly every spare seat was filled with visitors. Everything during the examination passed off quietly, pleasantly, and to the satisfaction of all parties. A pleasant and profitable *Fall Term* was taught in this District. It was a *private school*, under the tuition of Miss Florette A. Powers.

DISTRICT NO. 3. *Summer Term.* The progress of the pupils during the term was more than ordinary. At the close of the school it appeared that quite an interest had been aroused. For the schoolroom was tastefully decorated, and the pupils were wide-awake during the recitations. The moral influence of the school was also decidedly good. Miss Mather proved to be a modest, quiet, but thorough and efficient teacher. *Winter Term.* This school commenced favorably. It consisted of 28 intelligent but docile pupils. The teacher appeared to be quiet, modest, but wide-awake, and fully competent to discharge the duties of her office. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the school was not revisited. This was a matter of regret; but it was unavoidable. The concurrent testimony of the district, however, assures your committee that the term was a successful one.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Summer Term.* A school was found here consisting of 11 pupils, 9 of whom were girls. Two of these were somewhat forward, as they were good readers and spellers, besides being somewhat forward in Grammar and Arithmetic. The teacher's qualifications appeared to be amply sufficient to lead her pupils up the "Hill of Science," except in the matter of reading. Owing to a fault of somebody, your Committee was not notified of the close of the school; consequently, it was not revisited. *Winter Term.* This school opened under flattering prospects. At the examination, held at the commencement of the term, both teacher and pupils acquitted themselves in such a manner as to promise a profitable term.—But as the school has not closed it is impossible to report with certainty the character which it sustained.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Summer Term.* This term was commenced by an experienced and successful teacher; and it was continued to the general acceptance of the District, for about seven weeks. It then closed prematurely, without an examination, for the teacher was suddenly called home to nurse a sick brother. Had she remained till the regular conclusion of the term, the school would have probably ranked with the best. *Winter Term.* This was a profitable school to those that attended it regularly and constantly. But sickness and other reasons caused an irregular attendance, and somewhat impaired the usefulness of the school. Nothing but imperative necessity should keep scholars away from school. Parents inflict an injury on themselves, their families, and the school, by keeping their children at home on every trivial occasion.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer Term.* This little school of small children was managed very judiciously and successfully. The examination at the close, was a success. The school-room was as neat as a parlor, and tastefully decorated; the little children performed their parts extremely well; while the exercises were enlivened by the presence of ten visitors.

Winter Term. The teacher entered this school under favorable circumstances, for she was apparently the choice of the District. As she was well educated and sustained a good moral character, a successful school was anticipated; but owing to causes which are patent to the inhabitants of the Districts, the school was well-nigh a failure. Dignity of deportment, sound discretion, a delicate sense of propriety in conduct, and a spotless character, are necessary qualifications of a successful teacher. Some of the pupils made considerable progress in their studies, while others apparently remained nearly stationary.

About the commencement of our Winter schools, Cornell's Geographies were introduced, to take the place of Colton and Fitch's. The latter had been in use here for quite a number of years; so that a change seemed desirable. It was left optional, however, with the several Districts to change their Geographies or not, as they saw fit. Several of the schools made the exchange while the others continue to use their old books.

JOHN COOPER.

TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

| No. of District. | Terms.—1 Summer, 2 Winter. | | NAMES OF TEACHERS. | Length in weeks. | Whole attendance. | Average attendance. | No. in reading. | No. in spelling. | No. in Arithmetic. | No. in Grammar. | Wages of Teachers. |
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| 1 | 1 | | Emma E. Hall, | 6 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 10 | 3 | \$14.00 |
| | 2 | | M. Jennie Whitney, | 11 | 23 | 19 | 23 | 23 | 18 | 7 | 18.00 |
| 2 | 1 | | Virginia S. Marsh, | 10 | 45 | 36 | 45 | 45 | 29 | 5 | 21.00 |
| | 2 | | Alvah B. Chellis, | 9 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 40 | 34 | 12 | 50.00 |
| 3 | 1 | | Florette A. Powers, | 8 | 37 | 27 | 37 | 37 | 22 | 4 | 24.50 |
| | 2 | | Emma Mather, | 10 | 27 | 20 | 27 | 27 | 21 | 4 | 14.00 |
| 4 | 1 | | Hattie A. Fiske, | 10 | 29 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 27 | 7 | 20.00 |
| | 2 | | M. Ellen Trowe, | 8 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 17.00 |
| 5 | 1 | | Mary E. Russell, | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | | Celinda Barton, | 6 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 10 | 1 | 20.00 |
| 6 | 1 | | Grace A. Sargent, | 12 | 26 | 20 | 26 | 26 | 19 | 8 | 22.00 |
| | 2 | | Elvira J. Hurd, | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 13.00 |
| | | | M. Jennie Whitney, | 7 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 4 | 17.00 |